

REMARKS / ARGUMENTS

The claims are amended consistent with the claims of US patent 6,808,713. In the telephone interview in early October 2006, the Examiner had indicated that she will consider allowing the application if such claim amendments are adopted. The amended claims render the Examiner's rejections moot.

Applicants amend the claims solely in order that the Examiner allow the application. Applicants do not concede that the Examiner's rejections are correct. Applicants stand by the arguments we have made of record.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, reconsideration and favorable action on all pending claims are respectfully requested. If any questions or issues remain, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below so that a prompt disposition of this application can be achieved.

If a fee is required for an extension of time which is not accounted for, such an extension is requested and the U.S.P.T.O. is authorized to withdraw from our Deposit Account Number 19-0741 any fee required.

Respectfully submitted,

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